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SITE INSPECTION PRIORITIZATION BRIEFING REPORT FOR WABASH PAPER COATING

Staff of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Environmental Response, Site Investigation Section have reviewed file information for the Wabash Paper Coating site located at 410 South Carroll Street in the City of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana.

The Wabash Paper Coating site is an active paper coating facility which has been in operation since 1965. The site covers an area of approximately one and one-quarter acres and is situated on the south edge of the City of Wabash approximately one-quarter mile north of the Wabash River. Materials used at the plant include Georgia clay (high in zinc), latex binders, and textile pigments.

According to previous reports, potential areas of concern include the groundwater and surface water pathways. However, previous reports also indicate that there are no direct runoff routes from the site to the Wabash River which make a release to surface water unlikely. Groundwater targets are also not likely to be affected by the site since the closest private well is approximately one mile away, and the closest municipal well is one and one-half miles away.

The site was first evaluated as a preliminary assessment by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in 1987.

A Site Inspection was performed by Ecology & Environment in 1991.